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THE SONG OF THE BOY DAVID.¹

I was small among my brethren, and youngest in my father's house. I tended my father's sheep.

My hands formed a musical instrument, and my fingers tuned a psaltry.

And who shall tell my Lord? The Lord himself, he himself hears.

He sent forth his angel and took me from my father's sheep, and he anointed me with the oil of his anointing.

My brothers were handsome and tall; but the Lord did not take pleasure in them.

I went forth to meet the Philistine; and he cursed me by his idols,

But I drew his own sword and beheaded him, and removed reproach from the children of Israel.

¹ This Psalm is contained in a Coptic psalter of the sixth or seventh century, found in a grave in Egypt, and now being edited by Dr. Budge, of the British Museum. It is by no means unknown, since it appears in the Septuagint, but it has hitherto been regarded as apocryphal. It will be interesting to see what effect this discovery will have upon this opinion.